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Applicant: GUPTA, DIPANKAR)	RE: Preliminary Amendment
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment to be filed in connection with the contemporaneously filed divisional application identified above. Prior to examination of this application, kindly enter the following amendments without prejudice.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please enter the following amendments without prejudice.

Please amend the subparagraph at page 1, lines 16 - 22 to read as follows:

- (a) Matthew K. Franklin and Michael K. Reiter, *Fair Exchange with a Semi-Trusted Third Party*, Proceedings of the 4th ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security, 1997; this document describes a fair exchange protocol with a semi-trusted third party with trust assumptions similar to those used in the present invention. The third party in this case, however, is online even if the parties follow the protocol faithfully;--

Please amend the subparagraph starting at page 1, lines 27 and continuing through page 2, line

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